

# **Georgia Perinatal HIV Prevention Project**

## **Opt-Out Prenatal HIV Testing Pilot Project**

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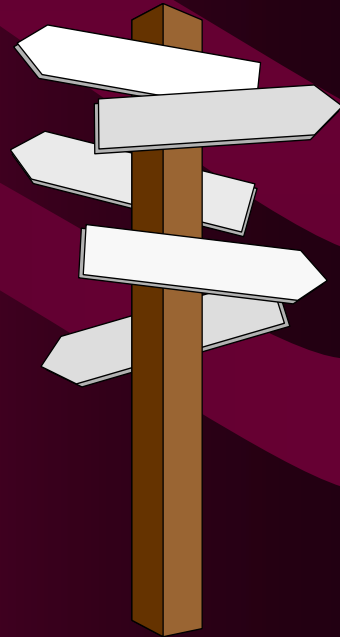
**HIV Section**

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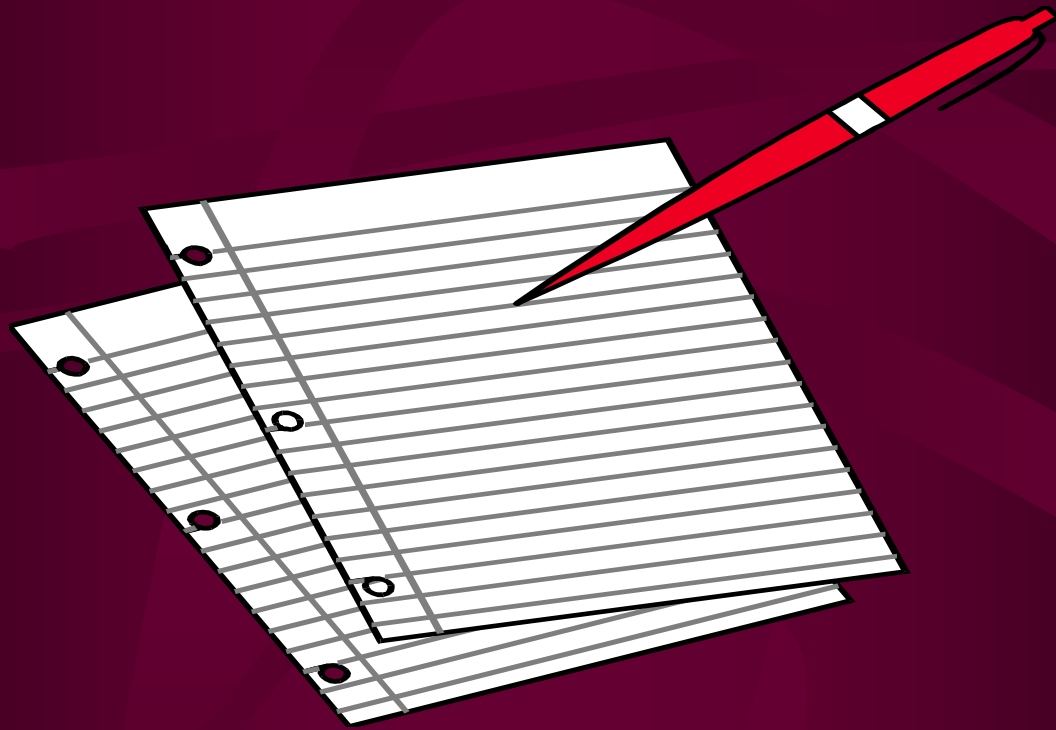


# Presentation Objectives:

- Discuss the background and effectiveness
- Describe the dissemination method
- Present the results, conclusions and impact of the project



# Project Background



# Elements of Program

Phase I

**Planning**

- Assemble a work group consisting of front line family planning and HIV staff
- Evaluate current practice in both HIV counseling/testing and Family Planning Services
- Establish baseline % of pregnant women tested for HIV
- Identify barriers
- Provide TA / training on the implementation process

Phase II

**Requirement**

- CLIA waiver
- Quality Assurance Plan/ or agree to adopt a version of CDC OraQuick QA plan.
- Read product info. insert and follow it
- Bloodborne Pathogens and Universal Precautions Policies

Phase III

**Implementation**

- Confidentiality
- Consent
- Testing
- HIV Counseling & Testing Report Form
- Data Submission
- Follow Up
- Return Visit
- Utilization of Dedicated HIV Counselors

# Program Goals/ Locations:

## Goal:

Increase the number of pregnant women receiving prenatal HIV testing to 80% or higher.

- **Dekalb County**
  - County Board of Health District 3.5
    - Kirkwood Health Center
- **Clayton County**
  - County Board of Health District 3.3
    - Women and Teen Health Clinics

# Project Objectives:

- Identify 100% of new newly identified pregnant woman who are at risk for HIV infection
- Obtain consent of 90-95% of all newly identified pregnant women for HIV testing
- Provide HIV pre and post test counseling, HIV prevention services, HIV education to a minimum of 90-95% of pregnant women per month.
- Linkage to 100% of identified HIV infected pregnant women to primary HIV medical care, prenatal care and/or support services.

# Program Methods



**Client comes in for pregnancy test**

**Clerical staff registers client**

**Client obtains urine for pregnancy test**

**Neg Preg test**

Client referred to Family Planning for HIV test  
Risk Reduction plan completed

**Positive Preg Test result**

PHN provides pre test counseling using opt-out method  
HIV behavior risk reduction questionnaire conducted

**Offer Rapid test**

**Decline Rapid test**

Document pre-test Counseling  
Discuss and complete risk reduction plan

**Accept Rapid test**

Test completed  
Client enrolled in other programs needed  
WIC, Right From the Start, PCM, Medicaid etc.

**Reactive Test**

Explain results /Confirm test via serum blood test  
Obtain consent to release results to Infectious Disease Doc.  
Schedule to come back in 2 weeks for confirmatory results

**Non Reactive Test**

Review Behavioral Risk Questionnaire  
Develop a risk reduction plan / Recommend re-test in 3 months

**Confrimatory Results**

**Return for results**

Client is enrolled in PCM (Clayton)  
Client encouraged to inform father of results

**Does not return for results**

PHN will refer client case to communicable disease  
services for client location and linkage to HIV prevention services

**Positive HIV Test**

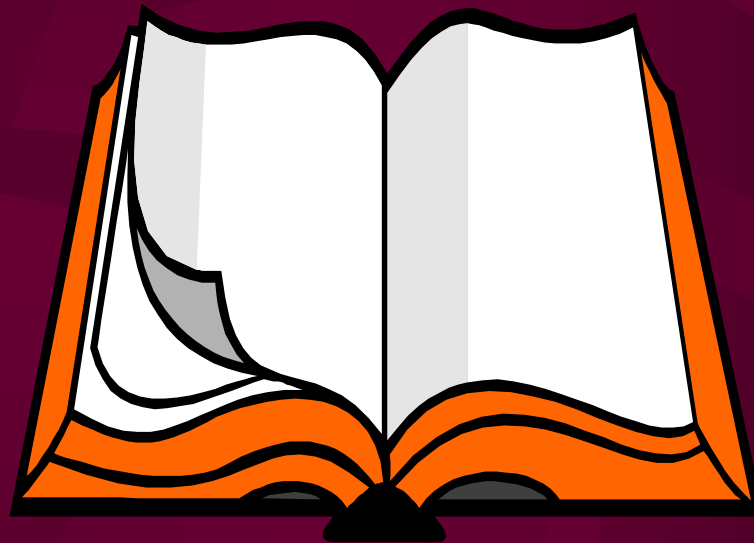
Link to HIV Care Services & PCM  
home visits from PRS/ Children 1st Program

**Negative HIV Test**

Review Behavioral Risk Reduction Plan  
Enroll client in PCM



# Program Results



# Dekalb County Report

December 2004 to present

Description	TOTAL
Number of women requesting a pregnancy test	215
Number of positive pregnancy tests	111
Number of pregnant women tested for HIV	95
Number of women with positive HIV test results	0
Number of women with negative HIV test results.	95
Number of women of childbearing age with negative urine pregnancy test/ received referral to family planning or STD	104
Number of clients who declined testing	16
Prenatal HIV testing rate	86%

# Clayton Report

July 2004 to Present

- We are in the processes of reevaluating the data to determine the actual number of clients who have accessed the program services.

# Project Barriers

- Duplication of undocumented clients who come in for services
- Lack of buy-in from program staff
- Staff comfort level in providing HIV pre/post test counseling
- Staff perception of increased work load
- Limited number of staff able to provide pre-post test counseling
- Proper documentation of services rendered

# Project Success(s)

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- ✓ Integrated routine HIV testing in all of their service areas
- ✓ Identified six (6) HIV infected persons
  - ✓ Five (5) males
  - ✓ One (1) female

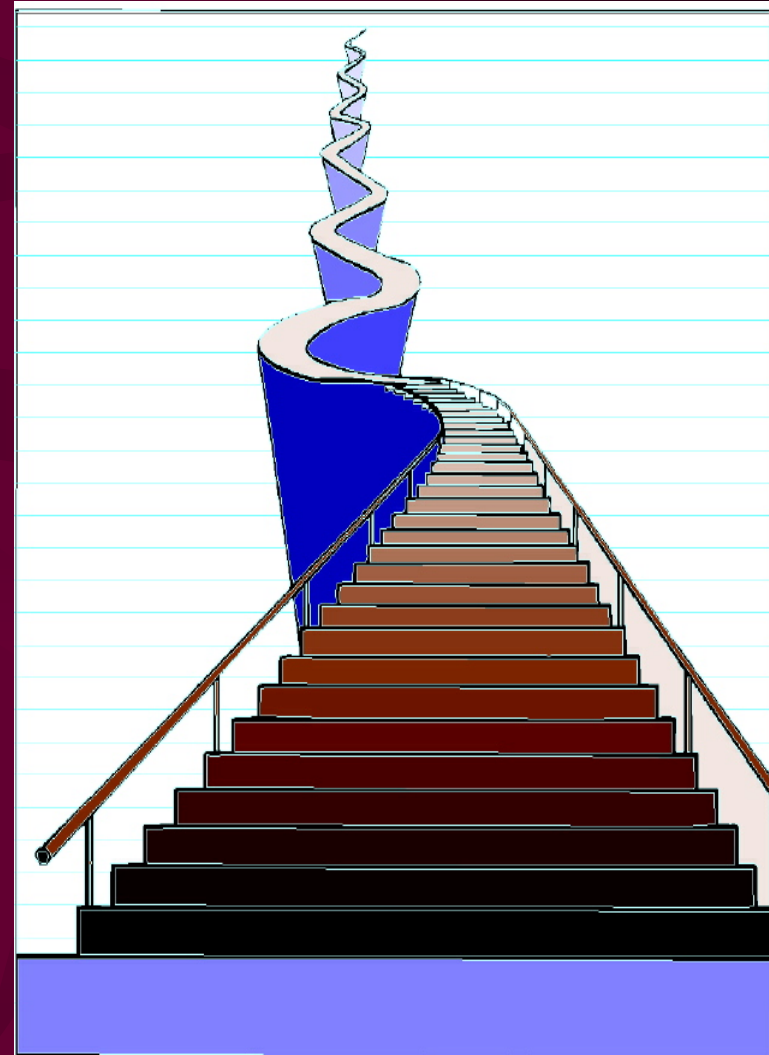
# Project Success(s)

## Kirkwood Health Centers (DeKalb):

- ✓ Prenatal HIV testing Rate is 86%
- ✓ Clients are very receptive to the HIV prevention counseling and testing
  - Partners are requesting HIV testing
- ✓ The programmatic staff is considering providing testing services for male partners in the pregnancy testing centers.

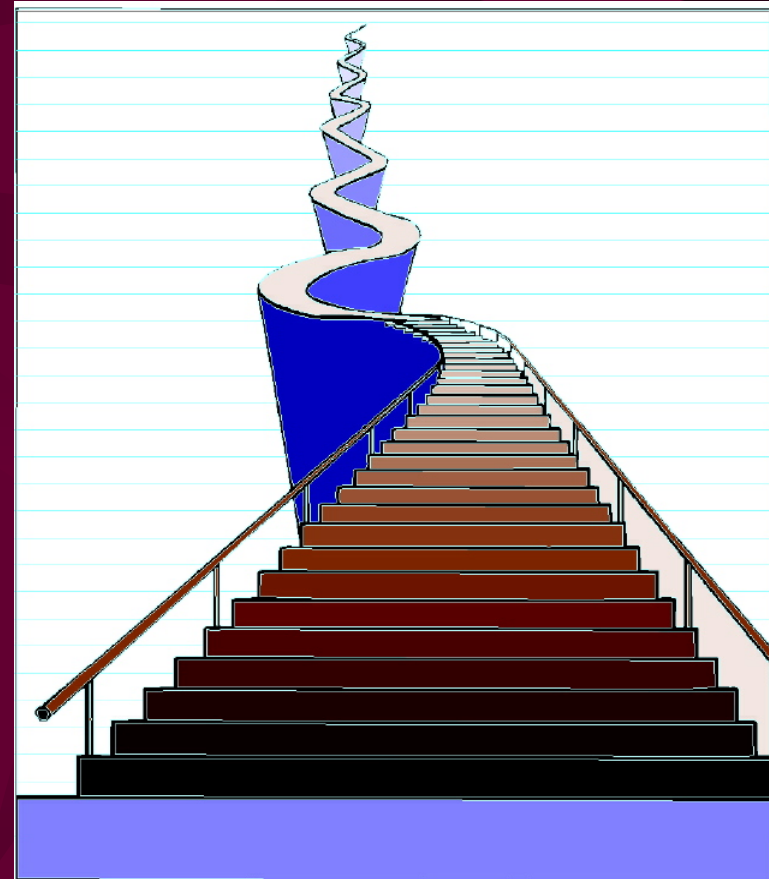
# Next Steps

- Promote opt-out perinatal testing in the remaining Health Districts. (Cobb, Fulton, and Gwinnett)
- Share results with other community prenatal health care providers



# Next Steps

- Provide HIV testing to male partners
- Develop a Perinatal HIV project work group





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